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*A Newsletter of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church*



## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

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### Worship Hours

**Sundays:** Orthros 8:15 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy

**Weekdays:** Divine Liturgy 6:30 a.m.

**Esperinos:** For Major Feasts 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Paraklesis Service 6:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, September 1 and Sunday September 8, 2019

- + St. Basil Ministry Fair, immediately following Divine Liturgy in Philoptochos Hall

#### Sunday, September 8 2019

- + First day of Sunday School and Back to School Blessing
- + End-of-Summer BBQ Luncheon benefit the Children's Medical Fund, immediately following Divine Liturgy in Philoptochos Hall

#### Sunday September 15, 2019

- + 1st Annual Lake Blessing and BBQ to follow, St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, immediately following Divine Liturgy

#### Thursday, September 19, 2019

- + St. Basil Cubs Outing at 7:05 p.m., Wrigley Field, Chicago

#### Sunday, September 22, 2019

- + Philoptochos and Girl's Ministry Loukoumades and Frappedes Sunday, immediately following Divine Liturgy in Philoptochos Hall

#### October 4 to 6, 2019

- + 62nd Annual Greek Orthodox Choir Federation Conference, hosted by St. Basil
- + October 6, Choir Conference Luncheon, immediately following Divine Liturgy in Philoptochos Hall

### We welcome new families to our parish.

Now is the time to reach out to your loved ones who have fallen away for whatever reason and bring them back to church. Now is the time to share your faith with others. Together we must grow. Together we must build the Body of Christ. Invite someone to a service or to a church event. We have one of the friendliest communities in the Archdiocese.

Let us go out so that they will know we are Christians by our love.

### Follow on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Basil-Greek-Orthodox-Church-476775679041438/>



# Sacraments and Blessings

## 40-Day Blessings:



## Baptisms:



## Chrismations:

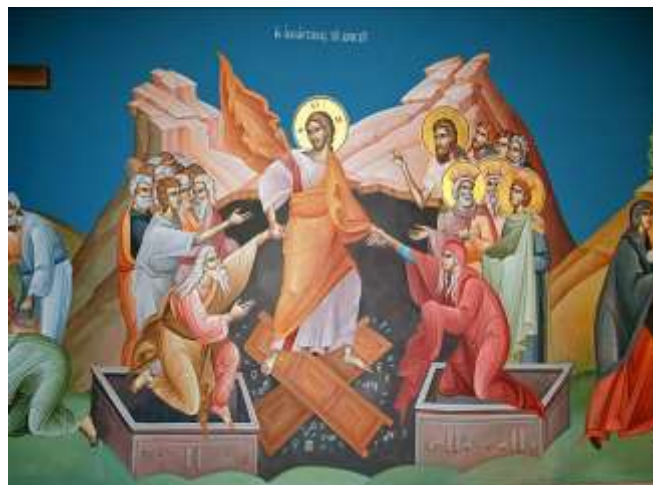


## Weddings:

August 17, 2019

Alexandra Daemicke & Richard Hansen  
Sponsor: Tina Calenti

## Funerals:



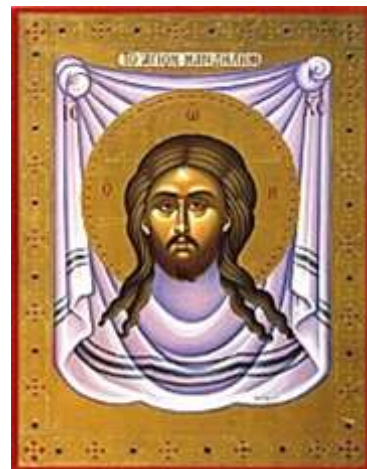
## Father Dimitri's Message



### August 16 – The Miracle of the Holy Napkin

On August 16, we celebrated the miracle of the transference of the Lord's Face onto the Holy Napkin. Please read the synopsis of the story from the Archdiocese web-site:

“When the fame of our Lord Jesus Christ came to Abgar, the ruler of Edessa, who was suffering from leprosy, Abgar sent a messenger named Ananias, through him asking the Savior to heal him of his disease, while bidding Ananias bring back a depiction of Him. When Ananias came to Jerusalem, and was unable to capture the likeness of our Lord, He, the Knower of Hearts, asked for water, and having washed His immaculate and divine face, wiped it dry with a certain cloth, which He gave to Ananias to take to Abgar; the form of the Lord's face had been wondrously printed upon the cloth. As soon as Abgar received the cloth, which is called the Holy Napkin (Mandylion), he revered it with joy, and was healed of his leprosy; only his forehead remained afflicted. After the Lord's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, the Apostle Thaddaeus (see Aug. 21) came to Edessa, and when he had baptized Abgar and all his men, Abgar's remaining leprosy also was healed. Abgar had the holy image of our Savior fixed to a board and placed at the city gate, commanding that all who entered the city reverence it as they passed through. Abgar's grandson, however, returned to the worship of the idols, and the Bishop of Edessa learned of his intention to replace the Holy Napkin with an idol. Since the place where it stood above the city gate was a rounded hollow, he set a burning lamp before the Holy Napkin, put a tile facing it, then bricked up the place and smoothed it over, so that the holy icon made without hands was no longer to be seen, and the ungodly ruler gave no further thought to it.



With the passage of time, the hidden icon was forgotten, until the year 615, when Chosroes II, King of Persia, was assaulting the cities of Asia, and besieged Edessa. The Bishop of Edessa, Eulabius, instructed by a divine revelation, opened the sealed chamber above the city gate and found the Holy Napkin complete and incorrupt, the lamp burning, and the tile bearing upon itself an identical copy of the image that was on the Holy Napkin. The Persians had built a huge fire outside the city wall; when the Bishop approached with the Holy Napkin, a violent wind fell upon the fire, turning it back upon the Persians, who fled in defeat. The Holy Napkin remained in Edessa, even after the Arabs conquered it, until the year 944, when it was brought with honor and triumph to Constantinople in the reign of Romanus I, when Theophylact was Ecumenical Patriarch. The Holy Napkin was enshrined in the Church of the most holy Theotokos called the Pharos. This is the translation that is celebrated today.”

In two instances we witness the transference of the Lord's Face in this miracle. First, His face is placed onto the Napkin, and then that image is placed onto the Brick. Why did this happen and what does it mean for us? “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness’” (Genesis 1:26). The very creation of man/άνθρωπος is the stamping of God's holy image on us. This is further understood when we encounter that first man's name אָדָם “Adam” which translates to “άνθρωπος/human”

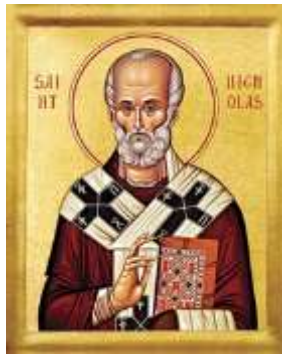
“The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven” (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Therefore, Jesus has once again given us a Divine Stamp, an image and likeness of His glory. This is the new definition of what it means to be human. When we say, "I am only human," in defense of our human frailty and weakness, we have failed to grasp the magnitude of what it truly means to be human. When we sin, we fall short of our humanity and our calling.

Now, what does this have to do with the miracle in Edessa? It is clear to us that we are striving to be like Christ in what we do. It is clear that He is our goal and the ultimate apex of humanity, but when we look at what transpired with the Napkin transferring the image of our Lord onto the Brick, we see a secondary message that cannot be missed.

Like the Napkin illuminated by the light of faith, we too are called to shine the Face of Christ to the world and all of humanity. When we accomplish this, that image will be transferred onto other people. We become the vehicle of that transference and spread the Face of Christ to others.

This is clearly understood when we look at Orthodox iconography. Below, compare the icon of St. Nicholas to a western portrait of St. Nicholas.



Stylistically, we see they are quite different, but the heart of the matter comes from the order of colors. Typically, in western art, one will paint with the lightest colors first and then move to darker as shadows are established to give depth. Eastern iconography does the opposite and begins with the darker and gradually moves to the lighter, finishing with the face of the icon. This is purposefully done because the light source is different in both mediums. In the western portrait, the light emanates from the right side of the painting, casting shadows on St. Nicholas left side, whereas in the eastern icon, the light emanates from the face of the individual. There is no shadow because that light is the light of Christ, which dispels all darkness. This means that the saints bear the semblance, the likeness of Christ, and have the ability to transfer that image onto those with whom they come in contact. This miracle of the Napkin, Candle, and Brick showcase our role and duty regarding the spread of Christianity. This shows us that Christ is spread best not through writings, nor pictures, but in interactions with the individual. With the light of faith shining, we can reflect the image of Christ just like a lighthouse. What a divine call! What a mission! Let us endeavor to present the Face of our Lord to all the world so that it may be received in faith and joy, and become stamped onto all mankind!

I remain your servant in Christ,

Fr. Dimitri Tobias, Proistamenos



## **Parish Council Update**

By Kalliope Dimitrakopoulos

Dear St. Basil Parishioners,

We certainly hope that you have enjoyed your summer thus far and are looking forward to what's ahead in the fall. Allow me to update you on our most recent events.

The annual Panigiri was held on Sunday, August 18, sponsored by the Parish Council and chaired by parish council member Tony Rouches. It looked like it was going to be a rainout, but then the skies smiled on us and it turned out to be a beautiful sunny day! We hope you all had your fill of souvlakia, hot dogs, and burgers. A huge thank you to all who assisted with the success of this event.

We know that going back to school is on the mind of all the kids out there. Back to school also means back to Sunday School. Aren't you looking forward to the Christmas pageant? I know I am. The kids look so cute all dressed up. Let's make this a great year and make sure to register your kids for St. Basil's Sunday School which begins on September 8.

But summer is not quite over yet and there are few more opportunities to squeeze out some summer vibes for those last days before fall starts in Chicago. You can, for instance, take yourself out to the ballgame on September 19, for our annual Chicago Cubs outing. This year, you can watch the Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals, a legendary rivalry that I am sure will thrill our parish fans.

We on the St. Basil Parish Council are looking forward to the fall season are grateful to our members and friends.

Best wishes for a fruitful fall season,  
Kalliope Dimitrakopoulos  
Parish Council Member

## **Philoptochos Update**

By Nichole Kourvas Drimonas

Hello Parishioners,

Please join us on Sunday, September 8, after church in the Philoptochos Hall for an end-of-summer BBQ luncheon. All proceeds will help benefit the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon.

Since its establishment in 1989, the Children's Medical Fund has sought to provide medical assistance to critically ill Greek, Greek American, and Orthodox children whose families are unable to afford appropriate and necessary medical treatment. The fund also provides grants for innovative research programs to pediatric hospitals throughout the United States and to organizations with special programs that care for children with critical and life-threatening illnesses.

Sunday, September 8, is also the first day of Sunday School. Come one, come all!

Nichole Kourvas Drimonas,  
Philoptochos President





## Stewardship Update

By Maria-Kanella Koper



It's not too late to complete your 2019 stewardship. You can sign up at <http://www.stbasilchicago.org/our-parish/stewardship/> or pick up a pamphlet at the pangari.

### 2019 Snapshot (as of August 19, 2019)

<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Collected</u>
166	\$212,454	\$143,195

Would you like to be a guest writer for the stewardship section of the monthly newsletter? We'd love to hear why you love Saint Basil's church and our faith. Please contact Maria-Kanella if you're interested.

Saint Basil Stewardship Ministry wants to hear from you. Have any questions, comments, ideas, or feedback? Let us know how we're doing so that we can better serve our church.

**Have you become a steward of St. Basil's?** Visit our website at [www.stbasilchicago.org](http://www.stbasilchicago.org) and click on "Stewardship" to learn more, or contact the church office at 312-243-3738 for additional information.

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:21)*

## Yiayia's Kouzina Update

Yiayia's Kouzina started making Koulouria for October's Breast Cancer month. We are looking for volunteers to help bake koulouria. Baking will take place at St. Basil's Philoptochos Hall during the following times:

+ Wednesday, September 11, 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In October we will begin making Baklava on Saturdays.

For Christmas we will make baklava, koulouria and kourambietes (dates to follow in October).

If you have any questions please contact Cindy at 708-769-4084 (cell) or [cschroe77@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cschroe77@sbcglobal.net).



## Prison Ministry

By Pat and Steve Cole

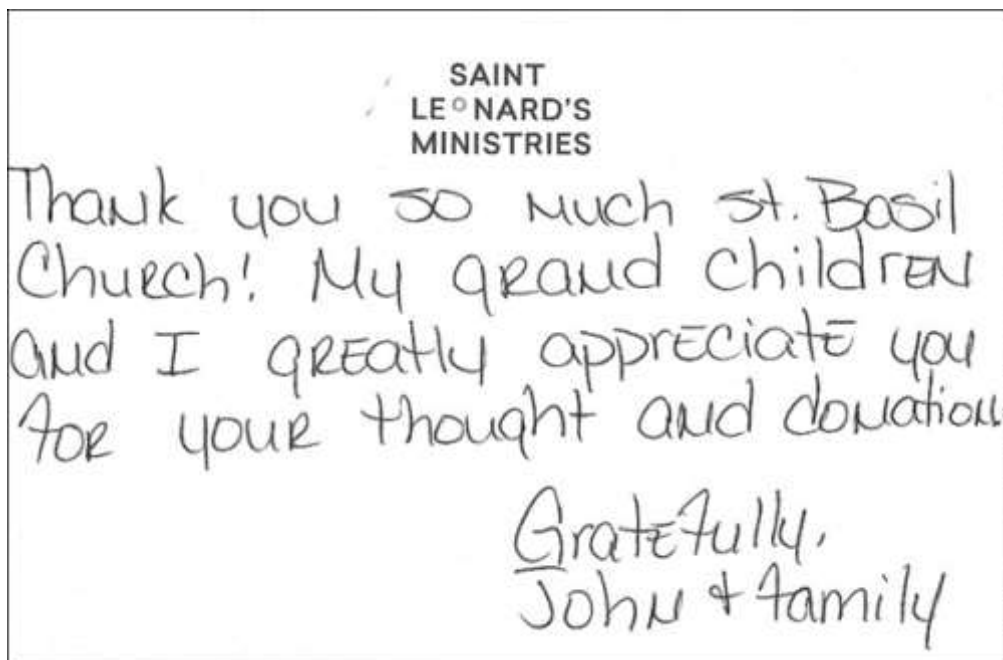
### A Grateful Thank You from St. Leonard's Ministries

On August 9, 2019, St. Leonard's Ministries distributed 54 backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies to children and grandchildren of residents in their transitional housing programs for previously incarcerated women and men. St. Basil parishioners "adopted" 11 of the students for this back-to-school drive.

Erwin Mayer, executive director of the St. Leonard's Ministries, acknowledged the generosity of St. Basil Church in a personal letter. Individual thank-you cards were written by some of the residents themselves. The enthusiastic response of our parishioners and the satisfaction they experienced shopping for the children prompted our Philoptochos chapter and Prison Ministry to commit to contributing to the program again next year, perhaps at a greater level.

For 65 years, St. Leonard's Ministries has been providing second chances to previously incarcerated men and women. In addition to transitional housing, they offer a high school diploma program, employment training and apprenticeship programs, sustainable job placements with over 200 local companies, and counseling and legal services to their residents and to others in the surrounding community with prison records.

Contact Pat Cole at 773-252-8254 for more information on how you can help either the St. Basil Prison Ministry or St. Leonard's Ministries.





SAINT  
LEONARD'S  
MINISTRIES

August 2, 2019

St Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
733 S Ashland Ave  
Chicago, IL 60607-3103

Dear Friends,

On behalf of St. Leonard's Ministries, thank you for your generous gift of adopting 11 students for our Back 2 School Drive on August 9, 2019.

Your support enables extraordinary hospitality and a compassionate, supportive community for the men and women who call St. Leonard's home. Thank you for also sharing in our belief that everyone deserves a second chance and the tools to achieve a better life.

Sincerely,

  
Erwin Mayer

P.S: St. Leonard's Ministries is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

## St. Basil Choir

By Melita Green

The 62nd Choir Federation Conference is getting closer, only one month away. Metropolitan Nathanael will celebrate the Liturgy on October 6 with choir members and their family and friends present from the five-state Metropolis.

Volunteers will be needed for the three-day conference, October 4 – 6. Several St. Basil choir members will be rehearsing with the choir during the conference. Other choir members will be volunteers. But volunteers from the St. Basil community will be needed for meal prep, set-up, serving, and clean-up on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Others will be needed for parking assistance, welcoming, and escorting guests to the balcony on Sunday. A sign-up list with designated times and tasks will be available soon.

Selling ads for the ad book is of greatest importance now. We want strong St. Basil support to be evident in the ad book. We ask that all the ministries consider buying an ad to show your support for our choir. These ministries have already committed: Parish Council, Philoptochos, Welcome, and Prison Ministry. Individuals, families, and businesses can buy an ad. Ad prices are as follows: full page, \$125, half page, \$75, quarter page \$50, and patron \$25. Sponsors at the Gold (\$3,000), Silver (\$1,000) and Bronze (\$500) levels will receive banner and ad book advertising, in addition to gifts. You may buy an ad online at the St. Basil webpage, [stbasilchicago.org](http://stbasilchicago.org). Click on the choir conference banner of the home page. You may also submit a printed ad using the form available at the choir table in the Philoptochos Hall. Ask George or Melita for help.

Together we will make this 62nd Annual Choir Federation Conference a success!

Save the Date: October 4-6, 2019

62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greek Orthodox Church Music Conference

Hosted by St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

"Sing a hymn to the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure  
unto all the ages." Daniel 3:57



Support the Choir Conference by:

Sponsoring at the Gold, Silver, or Bronze levels.

Sponsors will receive recognition through signage and in the Ad Book.

Buying an ad for the Ad Book.

Visit our table after liturgy during the fellowship hour or e-mail  
[stbasilchoir@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilchoir@gmail.com).

## St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

By Marina Arvanitis

On August 4, members of the St. John the Almsgiver Ministry assembled 30 survival packs for distribution to homeless people from now through the end of November. Parishioners are encouraged to keep a pack in the back seat of their car so that they can be readily handed to needy people asking for help.

To date, more than 150 survival packs have been distributed. Each pack contains a \$10 Jewel food card, a Ventra card good for three rides in a single day, a granola bar, a tee shirt, socks, a list of local resources for housing and food, and various personal care items such as toothpaste. Monetary donations to purchase supplies are greatly appreciated. For information contact coordinator Marina Arvanitis, [marvanitis@uwalumni.com](mailto:marvanitis@uwalumni.com).



Survival Pack Items	
Jewel gift card - \$10	Comb
CTA single-transit ticket	Band-Aids
White T-Shirt	Hand wipes ('Wet Ones' pocket-size singles)
Pair of White tube socks	Granola bars
Toothbrush and Travel-sized toothpaste	Bottled water



## Sunday School

By Jennifer Georgopoulos

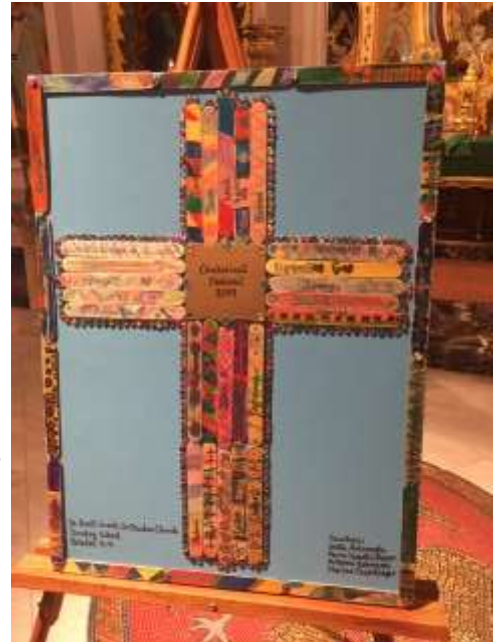
The beginning of Sunday School is fast-approaching. It is with great excitement to begin another Sunday School year with your precious children. Sunday School will begin on September 8, 2019 and an email regarding registration and forms will be sent to you (please be sure to include your email address and your child's Baptismal name).

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the St. Basil Sunday School team:

- + K-1st grade —Stella Antonoglou
- + 2nd-4th grades — Marina Tsapalaris
- + 5th-7th grades — Marina Arvanitis.

Our additional teachers include Maria-Kanella Koper and Jennifer Georgopoulos. With the help and guidance of Fr. Dimitri we have a wonderful Sunday School team.

If you have any questions regarding Sunday School please contact Jennifer Georgopoulos at [jenspalla75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenspalla75@sbcglobal.net).



## Coffee Hour Ministry

The Coffee Hour Ministry at St. Basil allows parishioners the opportunity to host coffee hour twice a month. It's a great way to get involved and promote fellowship at St. Basil while getting to know one another better.

We still have a few open dates for 2019 and are looking for volunteers to either host a coffee hour or participate in one of our potluck luncheons with a team of other parishioners. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at 312-243-3738.

We thank everyone who has volunteered to host a coffee hour in 2019.



<b>Sunday, September 1</b>	<b>Coffee Hour Ministry:</b> Leia Asimacopoulos, Corey Kennely, Johnathan Ramirez
<b>Sunday, September 8</b>	<b>Coffee Hour:</b> Philoptochos End-of-Summer BBQ Luncheon
<b>Sunday, September 15</b>	<b>Coffee Hour Ministry:</b> Kat Lekkas
<b>Sunday, September 22</b>	<b>Coffee Hour:</b> Philoptochos
<b>Sunday, September 29</b>	<b>Coffee Hour:</b> Philoptochos

## St. Basil Blessing of the Apples



## St. Basil Upcoming Events

**ST. BASIL CHURCH OUTING TO THE CHICAGO CUBS**

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019 • 6:15pm

 VS 

CHICAGO CUBS ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

**\$50 / person**

Come out for a wonderful night of baseball, fun, and fellowship!

Tickets are located in the lower deck and can be purchased online at [www.stbasilchicago.org/cubs](http://www.stbasilchicago.org/cubs) or after church.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ST. BASIL AT (312) 243-3738 OR [info@stbasilchicago.org](mailto:info@stbasilchicago.org).



# **1ST ANNUAL LAKE BLESSING + CROSS DIVE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,**

**ST. ANDREWS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**5649 N SHERIDAN ROAD, CHICAGO, IL**

**BLESSING AND BBQ TO FOLLOW AFTER DIVINE LITURGY.**

**PROCESSION TO OSTERMAN BEACH AT 12:30PM.**

**PLEASE MEET IN ST. ANDREW PARKING LOT.**

**TWO AGE GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN CROSS DIVE:**

**JOY AND GOYA.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP,**

**PLEASE CALL (773) 334-4515**



Calling all Students and Teachers/Professors



Agiasmos "Blessing of Waters for the 2019-2020 School Year

September 8, 2019

## MINISTRY FAIR



EDUCATION  
FELLOWSHIP  
CHURCH  
OUTREACH  
LEADERSHIP



GET  
PLUGGED  
IN

**Sunday, September 1 and Sunday, September 8 during Coffee Hour.**

**Come and see all the wonderful Ministries St. Basil has to offer!**



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At St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
733 S. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL



## Weekly Meetings\*

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Paraklisis Service

6:45 p.m. Discussion

Quarterly Pot Luck for Students

Questions? Email us at [info@stbasilchicago.org](mailto:info@stbasilchicago.org)

\* check Church Calendar for Cancelations



Join us at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
to celebrate the Paraklesis Service

Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.

Followed by pot luck dinner and fruitful discussion on a topic within  
the Orthodox Faith

Bring a friend and a small fast friendly dish to share with the group!

\*Meatless pasta will be provided\*

We look forward to a blessed evening with you!

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# ADULT EDUCATION AT ST. BASIL

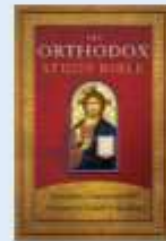
FALL 2019

September 10–December 17

## Weekly on Tuesdays

### 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Located in the Church Hall and also online via Zoom Meetings. Link Available in Bible Study Page of Website ([www.stbasilchicago.org/biblestudy](http://www.stbasilchicago.org/biblestudy)). This Semester, in preparation for our pilgrimage to the Holy Lands, we will study the Gospel according to St. John.



### 7:00 p.m. Online Book Study—Blessed Darkness

Classes will be available online via Zoom Meetings. Link Available in the Blessed Darkness Page of Website ([www.stbasilchicago.org/blesseddarkness](http://www.stbasilchicago.org/blesseddarkness)). This semester we will study— *Our Thoughts Determine our Lives* by Elder Thaddeus of [Vitoynica](#).



## Monthly on First Tuesday of the Month

### 1:00 p.m. Lunch Faith Discussion

Join us for a lively discussion with Fr. Dimitri at Restaurant (locations to be announced) each month. Come for fellowship, thoughtful discussions, and good food. Each individual is responsible for his/her bill at the restaurant.



# Chicago City GOYA

**OCTOBER 20**

## **GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT**



Special Group rate of \$60 per ticket (does not include parking)

Payable to St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church

All GOYAns and their families welcome!

Game begins 6:00pm @United Center

For tickets contact Fr. Athanasios Minetos at [frathanasios@standreworthodox.org](mailto:frathanasios@standreworthodox.org)

Philoptochos and Girls' Ministry Present

Loukoumades and Frapedes Sunday

September 22 during Coffee Hour

Join us for a DELICIOUS treat that will benefit the Philoptochos  
and the Children's Medical Fund

Loukoumades to be sold by Philoptochos





# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

## 2020

**Saint Nicholas—Holy Cross—Saint Basil's**

### ***Details***

Please Join us for this wonderful trip to help bring the Gospels to life in front of our very eyes!

Have the opportunity to see the places where the most important aspects of Christ's life took place.

Take advantage of the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. Come see the majesty of the Byzantine Empire, walk through the church of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople and meet His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Come and see the ancient see of Saint Basil in Cappadocia.

Take advantage of reinvigorating your faith!



**January 26<sup>th</sup>-February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Final Cost to be determined*

*(Should be around \$3,400 to \$3,600)*

***Lodging, Breakfast & Dinner Included in Price***

***All that is missing is you!***

### ***What will we be seeing:***

- *Visit the church of the Holy Sepulcher where Christ was crucified, buried & resurrected.*
- *Visit Bethlehem and see the spot where Christ was first welcomed into the world at the magnificent Church of the Nativity. See the Shepard field where the angels appeared to the shepherds!*
- *Experience Galilee where Christ first called the Apostles & began His earthly ministry.*
- *See the spot where the Annunciation took place in Nazareth.*
- *Visit Constantinople the Jewel of Orthodoxy. See the Phanar home of the Patriarchate & many ancient churches.*
- *See the Cappadocian Caves and see the Ancient throne of Saint Basil the Great.*



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.



**When:** 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.  
**Where:** St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
733 S. Ashland Ave. Chicago, IL

### 2019-2020 Liturgical Year Feasts:

#### September 2019

2: St. Mamas the Martyr  
8: Nativity of the Theotokos (not 2019, falls on Sunday)  
20: St. Eustathios the Great Martyr  
26: St. John the Evangelist

#### October

3: St. Dionysios the Areopagite  
18: St. Luke the Evangelist  
23: St. Iakovos the Brother of God

#### November

1: SS. Kosmas & Damionos the Unmercenarys  
16: St. Matthew the Evangelist  
21: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple  
25: St. Katherine the Great Martyr

#### December

2: St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalivia  
3: Ss. Barbara the Great Martyr & St. John of Damascus  
4: St. Savas the Sanctified  
9: Conception of the Theotokos

#### December (continued)

15: St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr  
20: St. Ignatios the God-bearer  
27: St. Stephen the Protomartyr

#### January 2020

5: Eve of Theophany (not 2020, falls on Sunday)  
6: Theophany  
17: St. Anthony  
21: St. Maximos the Confessor  
25: St. Gregory the Theologian (not 2020, Pilgrimage)  
30: The Three Hierarchs (not 2020, Pilgrimage)

#### February

2: The Entrance of the Lord into the Temple (not 2020, falls on Sunday)  
8: St. Theodore the Commander  
2: St. Photini

#### March – April

Fridays during the first 5 weeks of Great Lent

#### April

Bright Tuesday: SS. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene  
25: St. Mark the Evangelist

#### May

5: St. Irene the Great Martyr  
9: Prophet Isaiah and St. Christopher the Martyr

#### June

14: Prophet Elisha  
24: Nativity of the Forerunner

#### July

7: St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr  
12: St. Paisios of Mt. Athos  
17: St. Marina the Great Martyr  
20: Prophet Elias  
25: Sy. Anna, the mother of the Theotokos  
26: St. Parasekeve the Great Martyr (not 2020, falls on Sunday)  
27: St. Panteleimon the Unmercenary  
28: St. Irene Chrysovalantou

#### August

16: St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia  
27: St. Phanourios  
29: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist  
31: The Placing of the Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil

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## September 2 — Divine Liturgy for St. Mammas



Saint Mammas was from Gangra of Paphlagonia. He was born in prison, where his parents were suffering for Christ's sake and ended their lives. He was named Mammas because, after he had long remained without speaking, he addressed his foster mother Ammia as "mamma." He contested for Christ about the year 275.

### Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### Kontakion in the Third Tone

With the staff bestowed on thee by God, O holy Great Martyr, shepherd us thy people now in green and life-giving pastures; swiftly crush with godly power unseen and wild beasts underneath the feet of them that praise thee with longing; for in dangers we all have thee, O Mammas, as our fervent protector and help.

## Esperenos & Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos



### September 7 Esperenos & September 8 Divine Liturgy

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was born of barren and aged parents, Joachim and Anna, about the year 16 or 17 before the birth of Christ. Joachim was descended from the royal line of David, of the tribe of Judah. Anna was of the priestly tribe of Levi, a daughter of the priest Matthan and Mary, his wife.

### Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Your birth, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings. Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

### Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

## September 14 — Divine Liturgy for The Elevation of the Holy Cross

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of



Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be.

Apolytikion in the First Tone

Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

### **September 17 — Divine Liturgy for St. Sophia and her Three Daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love**



These Saints were from Italy and contested for the Faith about the year 126, during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Faith was twelve years old, Hope, ten, and Love, nine; each was tormented and then beheaded, from the eldest to the youngest. Their mother Sophia mourned at their grave for three days, where she also fell asleep in peace; because of her courageous endurance in the face of her daughters' sufferings, she is also counted a martyr. The name Sophia means "wisdom" in Greek; as for her daughters' names, Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity), they are Pistis, Elpis, and Agape in Greek, and Vera, Nadezhda, and Lyubov in Russian.

Apolytikion of Martyrs Sophia, Pistis, Elpis & Agape in the Fourth Tone

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

Kontakion of Martyrs Sophia, Pistis, Elpis & Agape in the First Tone

Since Faith and Hope and Love were in truth sacred branches of ven'erable Sophia, the namesake of wisdom by grace they have shown all men that Greek wisdom is foolishness, and in contest they proved to be prizewinning victors; wherefore, they received a crown that never shall perish from Christ God, the Lord of all.



## **September 26 — Divine Liturgy for The Falling Asleep of the Holy Evangelist St. John**



This Apostle was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and the brother of James the elder. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. Only he of all the Disciples followed Him even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Saviour's Mother, as it were another son to her, and a brother of Christ the Teacher. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled to the brim with boiling oil. Coming forth therefrom unharmed, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Returning again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, he wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Catholic Epistles. In all, he lived ninety-five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100. He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son

and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle—a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Irenaeus says—is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).

### **Apolytikion in the Second Tone**

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a people without defense. He who permitted you to recline upon His bosom, accepts you on bended knee before Him. Beseech Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of nations, asking for us peace and great mercy.

### **Kontakion in the Second Tone**

Who can tell thy mighty works, O virgin Saint? For thou pourest forth miracles, and art a source of healings, and thou dost intercede for our souls, as the Theologian and the friend of Christ.



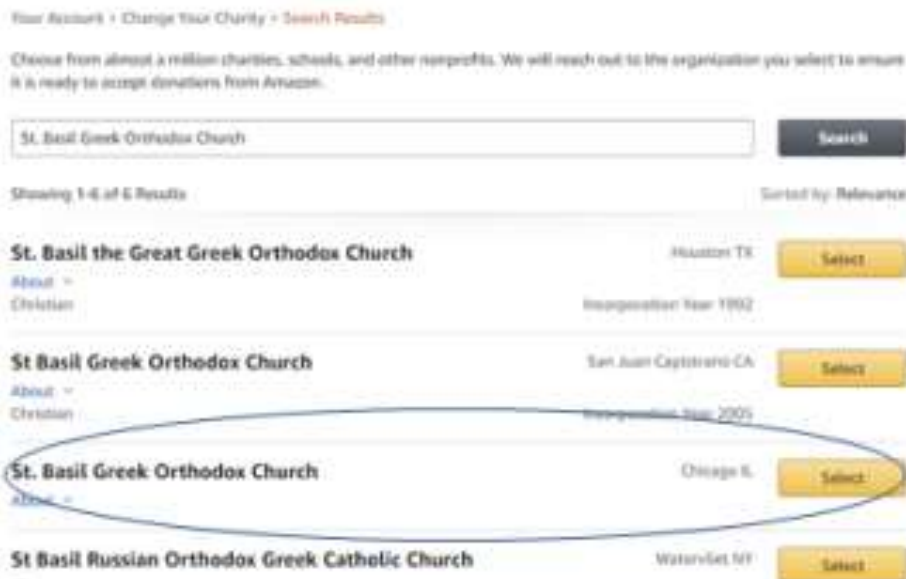
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy	<b>2</b> 6:30 am Labor Day Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Mamas	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 am 6:00 pm Bible Study Paraklisis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary	<b>5</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Dress A Girl Work-shop
<b>8</b> 8:15 am Sunday School Agiasmos Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Nativity of the Virgin Mary"	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 11:00 am 7:00 pm Bible Study Online Class	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm Paraklisis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary Philoptochos Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Great Vespers of Holy Cross (Justice, IL)	<b>14</b> 8:30 am Prison Ministry to Visit Indiana State Prison "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Elevation of the Life-Giving Cross"
<b>15</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Vespers of St. Sophia and her Three Daughters	<b>17</b> 8:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy of St. Sophia and her Three Daughters Online Class	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Paraklisis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm St. Basil Cubs Outing	<b>20</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy for St. Eustathios	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:15 am 5:00 pm Loukounades Sunday with Frappes Orthros and Divine Liturgy + Wedding	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Clergy Laily	<b>26</b> Clergy Laily	<b>27</b> Clergy Laily	<b>28</b> Clergy Laily
<b>29</b> 8:15 am 12:30 pm Girls Ministry to Make Cards for Dress-A-Girl Orthros and Divine Liturgy + Baptism	<b>30</b>					

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